

INDIA ELIGIBLE, CHINA HURTING ITS NSG BID: US

WASHINGTON: The US won't let its strategic cooperation with India be affected by Beijing's opposition to New Delhi's efforts to join the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) as India fulfils all requirements for becoming a member of the elite club, a top American official has said.

Alice Wells, principal deputy assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asia, reiterated America's support for India's membership of the 48-nation group that controls trade in nuclear technology and know-how, during an event at a think tank on Wednesday.

Wells acknowledged that India's membership is being blocked by China. However, the US has "deemed that we're not going to limit our own cooperation with India based on a Chinese veto," she said. **HTC**